the Church.

Lord of all,

In thine infinite wisdom and goodness, permit and assist most unworthy of thy servants to dedicate the fruits of labour and production to thee, and humbly lay it at thy feet, asking thy gracious acceptance, patronage and blessing.

Hast not thou called him, and pointed out his way to this work? And hast not thou supported, assisted and carried him through it? Thou knest all the defects of it, and every thing that is wrong. Thou only ~~canst~~ art able to prevent the evil effect of these, and overrule them for good. Thou only canst bless and succeed this endeavour to serve thy cause, and vindicate and promote thy truth, and the interest of thy church and kingdom. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou dost ordain praise and perfect strength and praise; and art able to make this attempt the mean of supporting and promoting thy saving truth, and a blessing to millions; and can set it to produce those happy effects which shall promote thine honour, and the happiness of thy kingdom for ever.

This is thy cause, and to thee it is cheerfully committed, with joy that it is wholly in thine hand, and that thou doest whatsoever ~~thou pleasest~~ pleaseth thee, in heaven and on earth.

And wilt not thou, O thou highly exalted, and most merciful Saviour, accept this offering from one, who, though infinitely unworthy, esteems it the highest honour and happiness to be thy devoted servant forever.

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